

Appendix 2: Modified Assessment Tree

The Default Assessment Tree was modified for P2, Ecosystem management (PI 2.5.2) in order to reflect the fact that the Snow crab is an introduced species. The introduction was non-deliberate and occurred at least 20 years prior to the date the application is made for assessment against the MSC standard (first found in benthos surveys grab samples 1996).

PI 2.5.2		There are measures in place to ensure the UoA does not pose a risk of serious or irreversible harm to ecosystem structure and function.		
Scoring Issue		SG 60	SG 80	SG 100
a	Management strategy in place ¹			
	Guide post	There are measures in place in the fishery to prevent further ecosystem impacts that may have occurred as a result of the introduction of the species.	There is a partial strategy in place in the fishery to prevent further ecosystem impacts that may have occurred as a result of the introduction of the species.	There is a strategy that consists of a plan, in place in the fishery to prevent further ecosystem impacts that may have occurred as a result of the introduction of the species.
	Met?			
	Justification			
b	Management strategy evaluation			
	Guide post	The measures are considered likely to work, based on plausible argument (e.g., general experience, theory or comparison with similar fisheries/ ecosystems).	There is some objective basis for confidence that the measures/partial strategy will work, based on some information directly about the UoA and/or the ecosystem involved	Testing supports high confidence that the partial strategy/strategy will work, based on information directly about the UoA and/or ecosystem involved
	Met?			
	Justification			
c	Management strategy implementation			
	Guide post		There is some evidence that the measures/partial strategy is being implemented successfully .	There is clear evidence that the partial strategy/strategy is being implemented successfully and is achieving its objective as set out in scoring issue (a).
	Met?			
	Justification			
References				
OVERALL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR SCORE:				
CONDITION NUMBER (if relevant):				

¹ Please note that the wording has been changed for SI 2.5.2 a) from the Default Assessment Tree in order to accommodate the fact that this is an introduced species.